



Mishawaka Communicator



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Mishawaka, Indiana

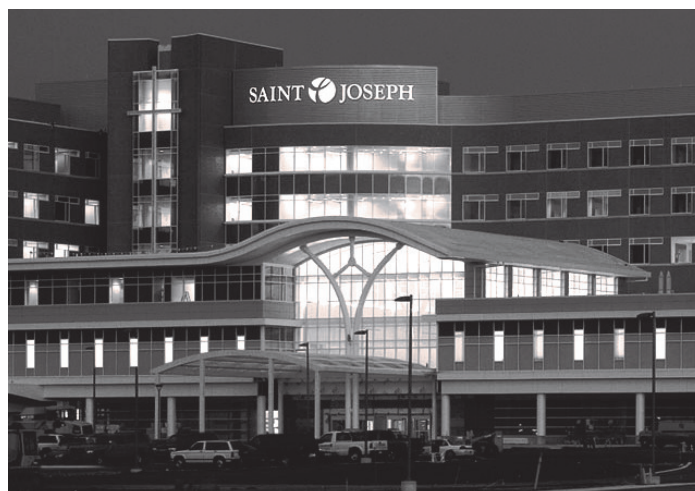
Jeff Rea, Mayor

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A Letter from Mayor Jeff Rea

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We have anticipated the opening of the new St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for several years now, and on December 14th the new hospital will open its doors. Quality health care is vital to the life of every community and in Mishawaka we are fortunate to be served by some of the finest facilities and personnel anywhere around. The new medical center further enhances that access to medical care and we are proud they have chosen Mishawaka as their home.



The new St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJPMC) will give our community access to world-class technology and advanced care provided in a healing environment. This \$355 million dollar 633,000-square foot world class medical facility is the culmination of many years of planning and investment. It is intended to serve the close to one million people living in our greater nine-county region and was designed with a focus on efficiency and patient safety.

Highlights of the new hospital will include 254 large private inpatient rooms provided in multiple-story towers with each room having a hotel-style feel for the patient's comfort and to promote a

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Winter Fun Activities

Tubing at George Wilson Park

Open 10am to 10pm daily, weather permitting as long as there is a 4inch base of snow.



Skating at Merrifield Ice Rink

Open Mon-Thurs for group reservations or lessons only. Open Fri 1-8pm, Sat and Sun 12-4pm and 6-9pm.



City of Mishawaka Calendars will be on Sale in the Controller's Office at City Hall for \$5 after Thanksgiving

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The Main Stage presents...
"Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
December 17th, 18th & 19th

New Class Sessions begin at Battell Center January 4th

Trash Questions?
Call BFI at 800-888-5783
Or the Street Department
258-1660



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St. Joseph County, Indiana

A Letter From Mayor Jeff Rea (continued)

relaxing and healing atmosphere. Highlights also include a diagnostic and treatment center and the entire facility was designed to be environmentally friendly and economically efficient. A medical office building will connect to the hospital to provide easy access for patients and physicians.

The new St. Joseph Regional Medical Center will serve as an anchor for what we believe will be a strong medical community for generations to come. Hospitals are typically there for a very long time, evidenced by the downtown presence of the hospital. On the north side of Mishawaka, we anticipate a number of other medical uses that will complement the SJRMC development.

You have already seen the first part of that, with the new medical office building (MOB) just to the north of the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. The MOB is connected to the new hospital via walkways to provide convenience for patients and physicians. It includes underground parking and an entrance to the hospital for members of the medical staff.

In addition, Michiana Hematology Oncology has recently broke ground just east of the SJRMC. The Unity Surgery Center has just expanded, south of the hospital, and a number of other medical uses have either built new facilities or renovated existing facilities in the Edison Lakes Parkway area, all in anticipation of the opening of the new hospital.

We are excited about the activity in the medical community and what that ultimately will mean for our citizens. From an economic development standpoint, it has meant new construction and new jobs. From a healthcare standpoint, it means access to the latest technology and the finest physicians and medical personnel anywhere in our region.

For the past one hundred plus years St. Joseph Regional Medical Center has provided quality health care to our community and we look forward to their qualified physicians and staff continuing to meet the needs of our ever-growing City.



Immigrant Island



A very popular question to Mayor Rea these days is: Where is the Immigrants Statue and when will we see it again? The answer: The Immigrants Statue is safely stored away at the Park Department garage for now and will be returned to its new home in the same general location, as soon as the sewer construction project is completed, in the summer of 2010.

Riverwalk Update

Earlier this month, the last leg of the Mishawaka River Walk was completed and opened to the public. This new section runs from Kamm Island westward behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant, through newly renovated Kate's Garden, and connects with the recent Riverwalk improvements at Logan Street Bridge. Its features include an elevated walkway that juts out over the water, as well as several benches and clearings right along the banks of the river, perfect for catching a scenic glimpse of the opposite shore. All in all, it definitely provides some new things, while still fitting in seamlessly with the rest of the Riverwalk.

The completion of this final stretch affords us a perfect opportunity to reflect on the Riverwalk as a whole. Perhaps what I like most about it is that it offers something for everyone: wide pathways with varying elevation for the exercise enthusiast, access to several parks and popular venues for event-seekers, and plenty of idyllic scenic overlooks for those simply searching for a little bit of inspiration from nature's beauty.

It's been a long process, from its inception in the '91, to the beginning of construction in '97, and now to its completion in '09. A lot of hard work and effort has been contributed by a lot of folks throughout our community.

We've been able to do something truly unique in this city, something that can make all of Mishawaka proud. Not many cities out there can boast a three mile long pedestrian walkway, unimpeded by traffic, passing through seven different city parks, and located right in the middle of a thriving downtown.

The Riverwalk has become an integral part of our community fabric. With the completion of this segment, it's solidified itself as the centerpiece of our city, something that future generations can enjoy and appreciate just as much as we do today.

